186 occurs also in the coat-of-arms of Karelia, symbolizing the never-ending battle of East and West over this area.

563 The Swedish-speaking minority--which, it is to be remembered, is not a minority in the legal or constitutional meaning of the word--has shown a patriotism and loyalty no less strong than that of the Finnish-speaking part of the population. Of course, they are always jealously guarding themselves against Finnish influence, and, for example, have seen to it that no Karelian refugees have settled in those communes which are predominantly Swedish-speaking. The Government usually is quite considerate of the interests of the Swedish-speaking group, and this part of the population still has an influence much more important than would be concluded from its small number.